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New spill from natural gas company that got relaxed sanctions
By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania relaxed some sanctions against a natural gas company blamed for contaminating well water at 14 homes in Dimock — only hours before a new spill at a gas well being drilled by the same company. The state Department of Environmental Protection said Wednesday it has opened a new investigation of Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. for the diesel fuel spill a few miles northwest of Dimock in Susquehanna County. The DEP signed the agreement with Cabot on Monday, lifting its hold on some drilling permit applications by Cabot as a reward for plugging three defective gas wells and repairing a fourth. Construction flaws in the gas wells were said by the DEP to be responsible for allowing gas to seep into the area's groundwater.

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